some of the urea manufacturing units. Government have appointed a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Dr. Y. K. Alagh to address to the total issue of reassessment of capacity including recoveries that may have to be effected. As regards action against the companies, the matter has been refered to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for investigation of the available evidence with a view to determining whether a prima-facie case is made out against the concerned units under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code.

Winding up forest college at Burnihat

2805. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitems which appeared in Assam Tribune of 21st July, 2000 regarding move on to wind up Forest College at Burnihat, Meghalaya;

(b) whether Government have decided to wind up Burnihat College;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) if not, the action plan finalised to activate and revive the college as a full fledged institution; and

(e) the functional status of forest colleges in the country, indicating infrastructure, financial condition, support from Government, total strength of trainees and technology and output in last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Optimum utilization of infrastructure and manpower available in the Institute is not taking place due to reduced recruitment of State Forest Service Officers. Presently, the spare capacity is utilised for organising short term training programmes/refresher courses.

(e) The functional status of various Forest Colleges on the requisite parameters is given as under:—

1. **Infrastructure**

There are four Forest Training Institutes under the administrative control of Government of India. Sufficient infrastructure facilities are there in these Institutes.

2. **Financial Condition and Government Support**

The Institutes are run by financial support given by Government of India under Plan and Non-Plan Heads. During the 9th Five Year Plan the Directorate of Forest Education which controls the three SFS Colleges and one Eastern Forest Ranger College, has been allocated a sum of Rs. 6.00 crores under Plan and Rs. 9.56 crores under Non-Plan.

3. **Strength of Trainees Output**

The number of trainees passed out in the last five years from various Forest Colleges under Govt. of India are given below:

College	SFS College, Dehradun (Capacity 80)	SFS College, Coimbatore (Capacity 80)	SFS College, Burnihat (Capacity 40)	EFR College, Kureong (Capacity 40)
1995-97	18	12	Course not held	08
1996-98	Course not held	20	Course not held	Course not held
1997-99	17	Course not held	Course not held	Course not held
1998-2000	Course not held	3	Course not held	Course not held
1999-2001	16	Course not held	Course not held	Course not held
2000-2002	21 (proposed)	—	—	—

Due to lack of recruitment by the States/UTs under SFS and RFOs cadres, the intake into these Institutes has reduced. The training capacity and facilities of these Institutes is being utilized for organizing short term in-service Refresher and Theme Based Courses for field officers.

4. **Technology inputs**

The Computer Training facilities have been created in various institutes to impart computer application training to SFS and Range Forest Officers as well as to improve office functioning.

Poaching of Animals in Madhya Pradesh

2806. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Ministrer of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether poaching of Chinkaras, Neelgai and Tiger goes on unabated in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether photographs showing poachers with Tigers killed inside Bandhabgarh National Park appeared in newspapers;

(c) if so, the action taken against the accused for hunting wild animals; and

(d) the action taken against the Forest Officials for dereliction of duty in allowing hunting freely in the forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Incidences of poaching of wild animals including Tiger, Neelgai etc. in Madhya Pradesh come to the notice of the Government from time to time.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. As reported by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh, the poachers shown in the photograph have been identified. One of the accused has been arrested by Rewa Police on 28.3.2000. The State Government has handed over the case to the Criminal Investigation Department of Madhya Pradesh.

(d) No conclusive evidence has been found against the forest officials for dereliction of duty.

Air Quality Index System in Delhi

2807. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the number of vehicles skyrocketing and the pollution levels becoming worse, a smog filled atmosphere appears to have become a permanent feature in the capital;